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In re application of: Chris O'Rourke et al.

Serial No.: 09/781,522

Filing Date: February 8, 2001

Title: METHOD ALLOCATION SCHEME FOR SERVER LOAD  
BALANCERS SERVICES IN A HIGH THROUGHPUT  
ENVIRONMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the initial review of this non-provisional utility patent application entitled "Method Allocation Scheme for Server Load Balancers Services in a High Throughput Environment" by Chris O'Rourke et al., please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

The specification is amended at Page 1, lines 1-6, as follows. Please refer to the attached sheet showing a marked-up version of the amendments to the specification.

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**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application claims priority to U.S. Application Serial No. 09/751,317, filed December 29, 2000, entitled "Method Allocation Scheme for Server Load Balancers Services in a High Throughput Environment." This application also relates to U.S. Patent Application